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But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.



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YOUTH'S

Correct

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ANSWER

AND THE CHILD Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I," 1 Samuel 3:1-4.

We notice that all down through history that the youth have played a very important part in the development of their respective countries. Our own George Washington, who later became the first president of these United States, was a distinguished general in the army at the early age of 24. Napoleon was the general commander of an entire army at the age of 20. Charles James Fox was the youngest man to ever have the honor of being in the Parliament of England. He, at the age of 19, was making laws, when most young men at that age are breaking laws. Percy Bysshe Shelly, one of the world's most famed poets of all times, wrote some of his best poems before he was 17. This should be proof enough to convince anyone otherwise who asserts that all young people are bad. I believe that the biggest problem that we have today is the fact that we are too busy to help our

youth find the will of God for their lives and to help direct them into the service of God and mankind.

Samuel was born of good stock, having for his father a man by the name of Elkanah, who was a God-fearing person, and for a mother a woman by the name of Hannah, who served God and recognized her helplessness within herself. She promised God, that if He would bless her with a son, that she would lend him back to Him for the rest of his days. God honored her prayer and a son was given to that union. After Hannah weaned her son, Samuel, she took him to the Temple, where Samuel grew and ministered to the Lord before Eli. Samuel's being born of good stock does not excuse us from serving God if our parents have been ungodly. Jesus Himself said, in John 3:6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." Does this sound as if God will excuse us from our duties, because of what our parents, or anyone else for that matter, may say, do, or think? Surely, each of us, as an individual, needs to be born again and to perform those duties that are pleasing to God and necessary for our Christian progress.

I want us to notice three things about the appearance of God to this young boy. The first thing I want us to observe is the place of this revelation. He was in the Temple. Now, the Temple is the House of the Lord. Are we, as parents of the youth of our nation, keeping

our children in the House of God? Are we giving them a fair chance to really learn of Him? You might be saying in your mind right now, "Yes, I send my children to Sunday School each week. I think that should certainly be enough time for him to learn of God." Are you honest in this opinion? Do you only let your child attend public school one hour each week? Will you expect him to earn his living working only one hour a week? How about his recreation? Certainly you will not think less of God and the welfare of the child's future than the things that pertain to the flesh. Some will contend that a child is not old enough to attend regular worship services. Yet, these same folk do not seem to think they are too young to attend school activities, listen to hour-long programs of fiction, or go to the movies. I firmly believe that our youth are much wiser than we give them credit for being. Most youth will be able to tell the minister more about his sermon than the older folk. Not only should parents BRING their child to Sunday School, but also take them to evangelistic services and prayer meetings. This will not only strengthen our youth, but our church. Many parents will say that it is next to impossible to get their child ready for church; but they manage to get him off to school every day and boast that he never misses a class. Some are more will-

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Results of the Publishing House Publications' Campaign

Six Win Trip to Holy Land

THE ANNUAL Church of God Publications' Contest which began on September 15, 1958, ended officially May 15, 1959, in a blaze of glory for twelve state officials.

State overseers, Ralph Williams of West Virginia; D. C. Boatwright of Ohio; and Ray H. Hughes of Delaware—Maryland—D. C., won an all-expense paid trip to the Holy Land. State Sunday School and Youth Directors, Don Pemberton of West Virginia; C. Milton Parsons of Ohio; and E. M. Abbott of Delaware—Maryland—D. C., will each receive a round-trip ticket to the Holy Land. State overseers, Grady Waters of Iowa; C. E. Yates of New York; W. J. Brown of Wisconsin—Minnesota; and State Sun-

day School and Youth Directors, Mrs. Grady Waters of Iowa; Barbara Yates of New York; and Doreene Upton of Wisconsin—Minnesota, won cash prizes for their efforts in the publications' drive.

The objectives of the publications' drive were to increase the circulation of both the *Church of God Evangel* and *The Lighted Pathway*, to solicit new members for the Pathway Book Club, and to distribute the *Forward in Faith* song book.

States and provinces were separated into five groups according to church membership for the contest. State goals were set at one *Evangel* and one *Lighted Pathway* subscription and one *Forward in Faith* song book for every three

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church members, in addition to one new Pathway Book Club member for each church. Grand prizes were offered in groups I, II and III, for States showing the greatest percentage of points above combined goals in each group. First, second, and third grand prizes were offered in each of Group IV and Group V for States having the highest, second highest and third highest percentage of combined contest goals.

Strike-ridden, unemployed West Virginia attained a 162.87% of combined goals to win the grand prize in Group I. "It's a miracle," says overseer Ralph Williams, a repeat winner. We agree. Enthusiastic Ohio came in first in Group II to win over California-Nevada. Literature-for-the-lost conscious Delaware-Maryland-D. C., and repeat winner, barely edged out Northwest Texas to win over Louisiana, Missouri, and Southwest Texas in Group III.

Repeat winners, Iowa and Wisconsin-Minnesota won first and second grand prizes in Group IV. New York was the only winner in Group V.

Present interest in Church of God publications is keen. Once indifferent church members are becoming alive with literature-for-the-lost enthusiasm. *Evangel* and

CONTEST RESULTS BY STATES-PROVINCES

State	Percentage of Combined Goals Attained
Alabama	36.0%
Arizona	53.3%
Arkansas	67.3%
California-Nevada	148.1%
Colorado-Utah	78.3%
Delaware-Maryland-D. C.	198.1%
Florida	86.6%
Georgia	47.0%
Idaho	59.4%
Illinois	95.8%
Indiana	65.1%
Iowa	240.9%
Kansas	37.6%
Kentucky	66.6%
Louisiana	165.3%
Michigan-Central Canada	118.5%
Minnesota-Wisconsin	169.2%
Mississippi	76.0%
Missouri	150.9%
Montana	64.3%
Nebraska	92.1%
New England States	68.4%
New Jersey	108.6%
New Mexico	62.2%
New York	251.8%
North Carolina	58.2%
North and South Dakota	47.5%
Ohio	192.6%
Oklahoma	55.3%
Pennsylvania	53.6%
South Carolina	58.3%
Tennessee	45.4%
Texas, Northwest	189.2%
Texas, Southeast	136.9%
Virginia	88.1%
Washington-Oregon	83.5%
Western Canada	38.5%
West Virginia	162.8%

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THE VISION of Isalah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant [thank God for the remnant he has always left], we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah" (Isalah 1:1-9).

TELEVISION

Ponder the path of thy feet, . . ." Proverbs 4:26. According to statistics more than one-half of all American homes, from a mansion to a hovel, are supplied with this most modern invention of television. And since it is such a controversial topic, especially as it relates to Christianity, it surely would be wise for us to ponder over the matter more thoughtfully, for who can know the worth of a soul. We cannot measure the strength of Christianity by the number of converts gained, but by the number retained. We must continue to ex-

hort believers to "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage," Galatians 5:1. "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning," 2 Peter 2:20.

This discussion is by no means target practice but an earnest entreaty that we Christians take a more sober look into this liberty of ours lest we give an occasion of stumbling to souls so battered by the tempest of an uncertain life that they grapple to hold on. Our chief concern should be the spiritual well-being of others in these end-day times. We must deny ourselves more and more that Christian influence might penetrate the mighty fortresses of sin to deliver the captives.

We must "lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us and run with patience the race that is set before us, remembering that no man is crowned except he strive lawfully," "so run that ye may obtain."

Because television is here to stay is no go-ahead signal, for many things are here to stay that are full of evil and corruption. We must in all matters that pertain to us, make our decisions always under the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit and not according to popular opinion. According to many verified reports of the effects of TV in the homes, it becomes questionable as to the guidance of the divine in such decisions. And speaking of the Holy Spirit's guidance brings to my mind an unforgettable experience in my life years ago when we were in pastoral work. The Rev. S. W. Latimer, a former General Overseer, but then retired, was with us in Dillon, South Carolina, for a revival—one of the very last he conducted before his labors ceased. During one of the many blessed discourses he gave my husband and me in the home, he spoke especially of the changing times and the fact that many Christians were

returning to habits once laid on the altar. This is by no means a jab at coffee drinking, but what he discussed in particular on this one occasion. He said, "When we came into Pentecost many years ago for some reason, without being taught against or preached against, we automatically laid aside the coffee habit and health burst forth for many. Now we return to those habits and I wonder." He left me, a young Christian worker, wondering too. So with a burdened heart I slipped into the bathroom and spoke to God about these matters and asked why. My prayer was brief, for soon I received a brief answer that has since lived constantly in my heart. I said, "Why, God?" and the reply came, "The Holy Spirit never led anybody wrong." I arose from that place saying, "Thank you, Lord," and today, many years hence, I'm thankful for that constant reminder that leads me lest I stray.

Reading an editorial comment, recently, on a TV controversy in a home that was threatened with dissolution as a result of it, the advice was given to keep the TV for it was here to stay, but throw out the husband for others could be had. What advice for a world already dizzy with abominable corruptions that have made it ready for the wrath of a just God.

As relates to popular opinion, a survey was released which stated that 67 per cent of the people thought that TV was the thing, just the thing to keep children at home and off the streets, but 13 per cent of the better educated class of people were not so sure that TV was the thing for their children. Are you sure? Have you really thought? Should it be said that the better educated think more soberly than we Christians? A minister discussing TV practices of children in another minister's home excused them kindly, though not endorsed, by saying, "But they don't think anything about it?" What could be more tragic than not thinking? Perhaps it's time we aroused our thinking habits, and especially do I say so since having heard, by chance, a radio interview of a top movie star's opinion

of TV; who summed it up by saying, "It's the nearest thing to the theatre we've had in many days."

That it has made an invasion of family altars, Bible study, and quiet times for unhurried meditation has been acknowledged. And in some homes, once devoutly consecrated to Christ, it has put Him on the outside. Yes, on the outside when for weeks no prayer of any form is uttered, no Bible reading, interest in all Christian activities seriously paralyzed; but everything TV has to offer is viewed. It was Jeremiah in Lamentations who decried the sins of his people and explained his tears by saying, "Mine eye affecteth mine heart." These eyes of yours and mine will do the same for us whether it be for better or for worse.

Yes, it is absolutely wrong for Christians to watch worldly shows, amusements, pleasure and all evils. And so many times we excuse ourselves for this and that when we have no excuse. We will be left cold in experience and powerless. Our influence will soon be gone unless we are willing to deny ourselves, take up the cross daily and follow Jesus. You may say, "Oh, you're growing older and have lost your taste for that." True, I'm growing older, but I lost my taste for all of the world suddenly when I was saved in my teens, and for over twenty years it has never returned. It rather grows more distasteful all the while as I taste more and more of the Lord.

I realize and know of a surety that there are many good homes who know how and do control the television in their homes; that there are doubtless good programs, both religious and educational; that perhaps many are won to the Lord through this medium. But I hope to call to your attention a fact that perhaps many have overlooked.

There is a tragic one-sidedness to the religious statistics that have some idea as to how many are won to Christ, but have no idea as to how many are being lost through the same medium. Those who have been led to the Lord through TV were sinners just as you and I were and will have to

qualify, according to the Scriptures for heavenly citizenship to be retained, as much so as those who found the Lord elsewhere. We must rejoice with all heaven over the one sinner that repenteth; but lest we forget, we must weep o'er the dying. What have we profited if we gain one soul and lose ten; if we bring the hundreds into our churches and keep away the thousands who would prefer to sit alone at home and watch and be blessed rather than obey the command of our Lord, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together . . . and so much the more (not less) as we see the day approaching," (Hebrews 10:25) and be a blessing.

No, I'm not advocating that the gospel not be preached at every opportunity and on every occasion where possible, but I do say that we Christians must not be lured and enticed by that sinister monster deceit.

Offense is one of the most subtle weapons in Satan's armory today and is cunningly being used effectively. We have today some of the best and most enlightened preaching since the early days of the church; and if Satan can't withstand us one way, he will another. If he can't stop us from fearlessly preaching the whole gospel, he'll so load us down with offenses that our preaching will lose its effect. We must beware of

Satan's tricks. Television is offensive to many Christians, for it is a known fact that too many Christians watch the forbidden, and for fear they speak in secret. It is offensive to many sinners, for Christianity has long stood against the theatres and worldly amusements and they fearlessly speak out.

We have weak children in the family of God who have not fed themselves on the Word and have been fed snacks and cold lunches so much that the existing hunger makes them gullible. The gullible has no judgment of what he eats and often comes down with spiritual indigestion. Under someone's influence he sits down at TV with no strength, no will power to resist the forbidden. And through thy knowledge the weak perish, for whom Christ died. Am I my brother's keeper? The strong must care for, not snare, the weak until he too may become strong. And the weak will never become strong dabbling in the world. He must come out and be separate, not act separate.

Can we hear the admonition of Paul, "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things

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Putrifying Sores

By MRS. J. L. McCOY

Riverside, Atlanta, Georgia

CONCLUSION

REV. VEP ELLIS brought his Spiritual Truth Evangelistic Campaign to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 17-May 3. His visit proved to be a most welcome one, this being evidenced by large audiences attending each service. His gospel messages, both in sermons and through the medium of singing, brought many professions of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and re-dedications of lives to serving the Lord.

Rev. Ellis placed emphasis upon the obligations of laymen in the Lord's service. One prominent highlight of the campaign occurred on Friday evening, May 1, when Kermit Bradford, noted attorney of Atlanta, Georgia, brought the principal message. Mr. Bradford gave his personal testimony as a part of his message, comparing his experience in finding the Lord with that

of the Prodigal Son. This service had been highly advertised as "Laymen's Night"; and as a result, the congregation included outstanding laymen of many denominations of the area. Though a part of each service throughout the campaign was devoted to testimonies, Laymen's Night activities provided an opportunity for testimonies from laymen well-recognized in the area for their work in the Lord's service. Laymen were challenged to dedicate themselves to finding increased opportunities for serving the Lord through conversational evangelism and other channels of service.

Rev. Ellis made many appearances outside his tent during his campaign. These included visits to radio stations and the television station WDAM-TV, industrial

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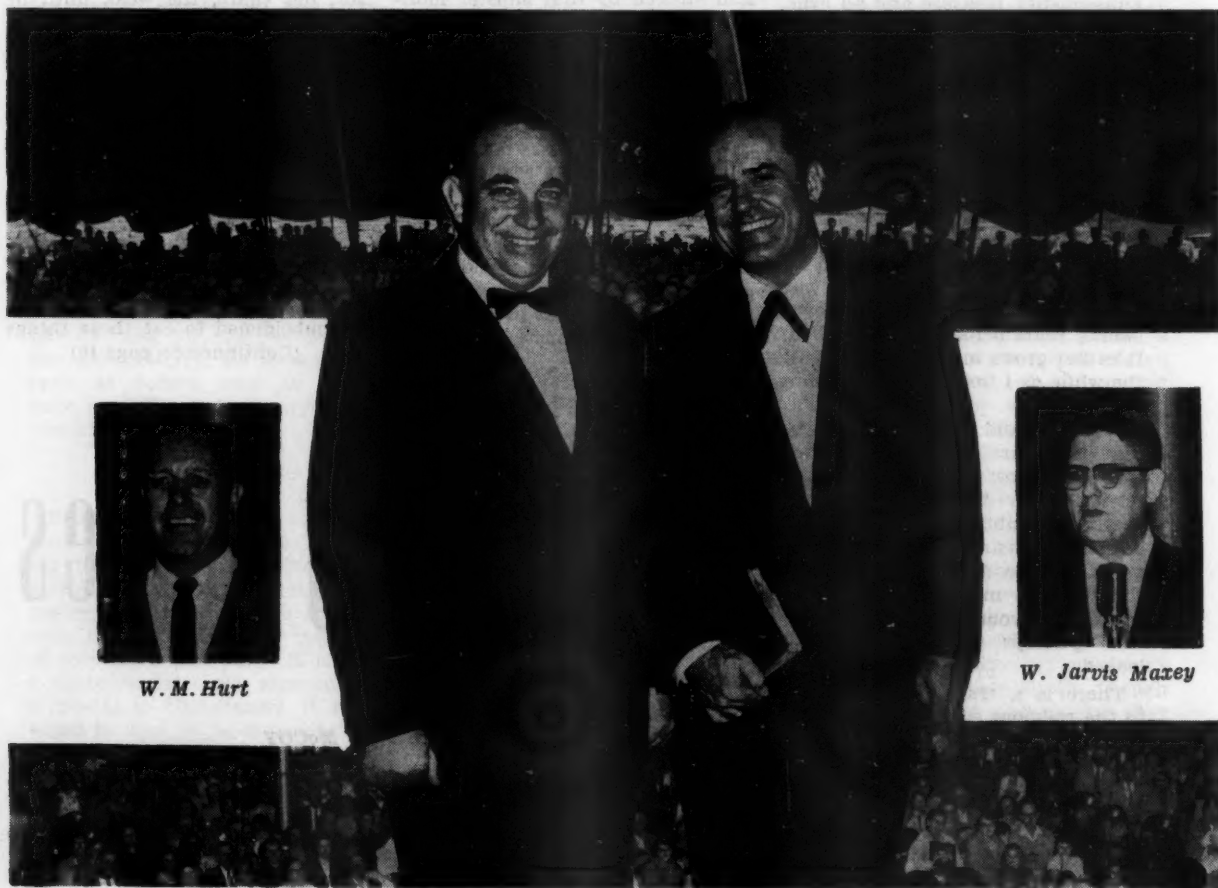
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A. V. BEAUBE

Pastor, Alabama City, Alabama

IT WOULD BE an understatement to merely say that the Vep Ellis Revival, under the big tent on the Etowah County Fairground, which was sponsored by the churches on the Alabama City District May 8-24, was a great success.

PREPARATION

Weeks before the campaign started, Brother Ellis, his co-workers and Rev. George Hammack, met with the pastors. They appointed committees, outlined their duties and set them to work. Advertisement by posters, radio, newspapers, announcements, letters, postal cards, telephone and word of mouth, brought a large crowd together. Friday night, May 8, finally came—a meeting with the personal workers, prayer, singing and Bible reading were all over by 8:00 p.m. Brother Ellis came to the stand with his Camp Meeting Singers and what followed would be hard to describe. Only those who know Brother Ellis and the workings of the Holy Ghost can imagine what our eyes saw, our ears heard and our hearts felt.

CO-OPERATION

All of the sponsoring churches and pastors, with many Christians from other districts and denomi-



Christian businessmen at Vep Ellis Revival in Hattiesburg. Left to right: Bill Boyles, Church of God; W. J. Maxey, Methodist; Lloyd Roseburg, Assemblies of God; W. M. Hurt, Baptist.

nations worked together, and it would have been difficult to detect any difference of locality or beliefs. The city officials, electric company, management of the fairgrounds, officers, watchmen and ushers all worked together to have everything in order as well as to keep a spiritual atmosphere in the meeting.

SINGING

Congregational and special singing by all, such as Alabama people are used to, rang out from happy hearts and souls for about thirty minutes each night. Then, "Vep" sang for some twenty to thirty minutes with a special group of our local singers and musicians, which he called Camp Meeting Singers. An appropriate special song by the evangelist always prepared the large congregation for a timely message. Everyone said: "It was second to none."

PREACHING

The messages were delivered in

a masterly way. Biblically sound, evangelistic in nature, calling on all Christians to love one another and witness for their Lord, appealing to sinners and backsliders to come to Jesus and accept His free grace, offering salvation for the soul, healing for the body and overcoming power to every child of God who will believe and accept it. Truly, Brother Ellis is a power for God in the pulpit.

One service, Saturday night, May 16, the business men's and laymen's night, was dedicated to a laymen's rally. Because of a previously arranged meeting at the fairground, it was necessary to hold this service in the Alabama City Church. The six hundred seats were taken early—then chairs were brought out and set in the aisles—still, many stood or went away. Our special guests from Atlanta, Georgia, Kermit Bradford, Tom Ashcraft and Lynwood Maddox certainly inspired the laymen and business men to greater service in witnessing for Jesus.

YOUTH'S CORRECT ANSWER

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ing to hire a baby sitter to stay with their child than to expose him to worship. I realize that a few cannot attend church because of affliction, and my prayer is that God Almighty will, in His compassion, heal those who are sick on the bed of affliction, so they may attend service; BUT make miserable the host of people (many professed Christians), who stay at home and waste their life in the "ARMCHAIR OF LAZINESS."

The second thing we should notice is the time of the call. It was indeed an unlikely time. A time when it was least expected—a time when his work was done for the day. One of our shortcomings today is that we do not give our youth anything to do. When they accept Christ, almost everyone is willing to tell them what they should NOT do. Let us stop being so negative about our salvation and give our youth some responsibility. Samuel could not offer the sacrifices, but he could trim the lamps; he could not sing in the choir, but he could hold the door open for the choir to march through. We should help our young people find their place in the work of the Lord. They need something to take the place of the things they were doing when living in sin.

We today might have said of Samuel, "Let him get his rest. He has had a hard time today and he is so tired. It wouldn't be good for him to do anything else just now." But as Samuel was finishing his work for the day and was about to lay down to lose his weariness to the darkness and to the bliss of sleep—God spoke. There is no set time, no stereotyped methods, and no certain seasons to God's work.

With a voice as terrible as the handwriting on the wall at the party when King Belshazzar was celebrating, there was a voice that spoke to a certain rich man who had laid up much goods, when he was saying to himself, "Eat, Drink, and be merry," and said, "THOU FOOL, THIS NIGHT THY SOUL SHALL BE REQUIRED OF THEE."

The voice need not be a loud, booming voice; because as God

spoke to Samuel, Samuel thought it was the voice of an old man calling from another room. The third thing we want to notice is the response of Samuel. Verse 5 says "And he ran unto Eli." He was not only ready to hear the call of help, but willing to run to be of service. We are living in a "fast" world of automobiles, airplanes, and missiles; we have a thirst for world power; we have taken time to do almost everything except to worship God in spirit and in truth. There are people who sit in our congregations with their eyes wide open, but who never see any of the workings of the Holy Ghost; and with their ears wide open, but never hear any of the good tidings of great joy; this condition exists because the channels from their eyes and ears to their heart are blocked with UNCONCERN. God, wake us up to the fact that we need to be ready, even at an unlikely time.

God is a merciful God; and it is my conviction that He gives everyone a chance to live a Christian life. He calls everyone at sometime in his life, if he has reached the age to know the difference between right and wrong. Many times He has spoken in soft tones, almost a whisper, with loving exhortations. Sometimes He has spoken in tones of thunders, threatenings of a lake of fire and brimstone. How many times has God called you, my friend, until you trembled as you walked down the street, tossed on your bed at night, unable to sleep; until you wept convulsively when you heard a message from a man of God? How many times has He called by that accident that you escaped, as it were, by the skin of your teeth, or the fever that laid you low; by the child that you once held close to your bosom and which was taken from you; by the funeral that you attended the other day? That could have been your funeral. Where would you be now?

Thank God for the time when I heard His voice boom over the mountain of my guilt and say, "Where are you?" I said, "Here am I, Lord." He said, "Come to the cross." I replied, "Here am I." Again He spoke, "Look up to me in

faith; I am looking down in love." I raised my head, tears flowing down my cheeks unashamed as I surrendered my life wholly to Him and murmured, "Here am I; have mercy on me, Lord."



CONTEST RESULTS

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Lighted Pathway teams are being formed to distribute these publications regularly on a systematic basis. One church is getting 80 rolls (800) and another 60 rolls (600), for house-to-house work. Laymen and ministers are subscribing to Church of God publications on a standing order basis to be sent to missionaries. *Evangels* are being sent to prisons, hospitals, government officials and university libraries. The printed Gospel is speaking more often and to a greater number.

The final tabulations indicate that the circulation of both the *Evangel* and *Lighted Pathway* now exceeds 40,000. Almost 2,000 new Pathway Book Club members have been enlisted. Nearly 70,000 *Forward in Faith* song books have been sold.

Ohio leads in *Evangel* circulation with 5,053. West Virginia's *Lighted Pathways* total 3,826. Michigan—Central Canada got more new Pathway Book Club members, 266. Florida sold more *Forward in Faith* song books, 8,528.



PUTRIFYING SORES

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which are offered to idols; And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend (stumble), I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend (stumble)," 1 Corinthians 8:9-13.

Cannot we make the same consecration, for the gospel's sake that Paul made? "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. To the weak

became I as weak . . . that I might by all means save some," 1 Corinthians 9:19, 22.

Yea, though weak, they are immortal and precious and we must save them at all cost or sacrifice of this liberty of ours.

I fear too often we do not *feel* the value of a soul.

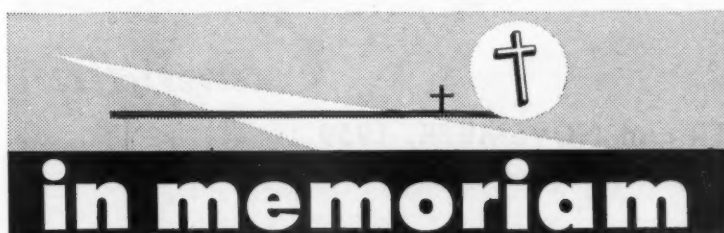
Too, there are babes in the family of God and as Zion travails more babes, sons and daughters will be brought forth and they must be nourished properly, brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, given the sincere milk of the Word, protected from exposure to evils that would overcome them, from dangers and hazardous pitfalls that would ensnare. How many parents quarantine themselves and their children from all exposure to contagious dis-

eases of the body; take all precaution for prevention and yet so carelessly, so thoughtlessly allow both themselves and their young to be exposed to all manner of evil that will not only destroy body but soul in hell. Are we teaching those in our care to "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you?" And included is a reminder that we are taught to shun the appearance of evil. And why? Lest we be overcome, ensnared. Satan is as a fowler that has many snares and the Lord knows them all. Beware is the watchword.

VEP ELLIS REVIVALS

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plants, homes, the Court Street Methodist Church where he sang



LAWSON

On May 12, 1959, the Lord called our dear brother in Christ and faithful member of the Korea Church of God, Mr. Otha Lawson, to be with Him.

Brother Lawson, born January 10, 1902, departed this life May 12, 1959, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky. He was 57 years, 4 months, and 2 days old. He was a faithful member of the Korea Church and was its clerk for 14 years. He loved the church and the mission work.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Mrs. Ella Lawson; 3 sons, Vernal, Shirley, and Charles; 2 daughters, Dorothy and Pauline; 5 grandchildren, 3 sisters, 1 brother, and a host of relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed by all, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

—Rev. Orville Hale, pastor

BALDREE

The Reverend James Isaac Baldree passed from this life February 10, 1959, after an illness of lengthy duration. Brother Baldree had been compelled to retire from active ministry several years ago due to

his failing health. He was licensed in the year of 1921 and served as an evangelist and pastor very faithfully. For the last few years, he lived near the church here in Williston and endeared himself to every pastor who served here during the time of his residence. Former pastors of Williston who were present to participate in his funeral were the Revs. Carl Bryan, R. E. Drymon, and R. P. Culpepper. The service was also graced with the presence of our esteemed former General Overseer, the Rev. H. L. Chesser, who also spoke very highly of this life which was so dedicated to God. He is missed very greatly by everyone who knew him, but more especially by his faithful and devoted widow, Sister Baldree, who still graces the services of the Williston Church of God and lives in the little house next door.

—D. I. Phillips, pastor

ODOM

Gary Lane Odom went to be with Jesus May 2, at 11:27 p.m. He was so precious and we loved him dearly. We know our loss is heaven's gain.

Gary begged to come back from

with the Methodist Youth Fellowship and addressed the Adult Fellowship, and two meetings with the Hattiesburg Camp of the Gideons International—their regular weekly prayer meeting on Sunday, April 26, and for the consecration service held as a part of the camp's annual rally program on Sunday, May 3.

Many remarks have been overheard to the effect that an early return visit by Rev. Ellis and His able co-workers, the Camp Meeting Singers, to Hattiesburg for another evangelistic campaign will be most welcome.

the hospital to his earthly home, but he has gone to his home in heaven. Our lives were so enriched during his thirteen years with us. Left to mourn his passing are his parents; grandmother, Mrs. Ida Evitt; a devoted teacher, Mrs. H. A. Ferguson; and many friends and loved ones.

The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Lindsey F. Pratt in Lakeland, Florida, and assisted by his former pastor, Rev. J. T. Roberts.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ennis C. Odom,
his parents

PITTS

Rev. James Howard Pitts, was born 23, 1892, at Pittsburg, Kansas, and spent his early life in Lynn Country, Kansas. He married Edna Pearl Wood, May 15, 1914, at Mound City, Kansas, whose happy union was 45 years. They moved to Idaho in 1916 and in June of the following year he first entered railroad work. He had been an employee of the Camas Prairie Railroad Company for 42 years. He lived for 25 years at Stites and then moved to Clarkson in November of 1955. He was also a minister with the Church of God.

Surviving, besides his wife, are six children, Joseph Harold, Virgil Howard, Leo Roy, Albert Clayton, Mrs. Mildred Viola Morton and Mrs. Arlene Alice Jordan; 2 sisters, Mrs. Mabel Priest, and Mrs. Pearl Edmonds; 1 brother, Samuel Pitts; and 8 grandchildren.

—A. G. Thompson, overseer of
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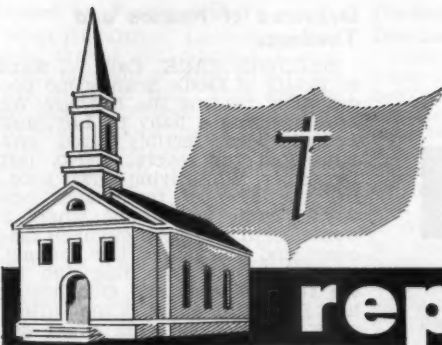
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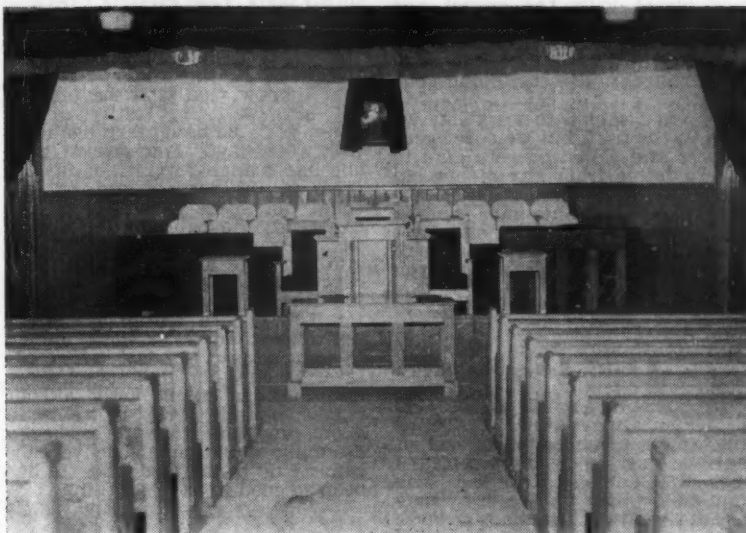
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reports

THREE-IN-ONE HOLIDAY AT MARIETTA



MARIETTA, Ga. — The Marietta Church of God held a three-way observance on Sunday, April 5—the dedication of their reconstructed church building, the annual home-coming, and the beginning of a revival. The Rev. W. E. Johnson, state overseer of Georgia, delivered the dedicatory message and prayer.

A number of visiting ministers were present for the dedication and the home-coming services. Among the visitors were Mayor C. W. Bramlett; the architect, O. C. Floyd of Atlanta; and Charles J. Thomas, the contractor for the building. Also present were the Rev. W. G. Abney of the Grant Park Church of God and the Rev. Frankie Ward of Savannah.

Dinner was spread at the noon hour by members of the congregation, following the laying of the cornerstone immediately after the message.

Though the church was organized here in 1923, the building

which has been in use has been completely rebuilt, using only the framework of the former structure. The building has been lengthened and has a full daylight ground floor on which is situated a kitchen and hall to be used for serving meals and also for Sunday School rooms and other meetings. A pastor's study and a church office has been added and the brick structure has been given a complete redecoration.

The interior has been finished in a light beige color with pews of natural wood that matches the pulpit furnishings. The carpet is also beige. The front of the sanctuary facing the street is largely of amber glass against which is set in relief a large redwood cross which will be lighted at night as will also the church spire which reaches 25 feet above the rooftop. The side windows are of green glass the effect of which is a subdued lighting throughout the interior.

The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Pratt, came to the church from Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he served as superintendent of Western Canada, in September, 1958, although he is a native Georgian.

—Reporter

God Blesses Efforts at Greenville

About ten months ago Sister Coleman and I came to this beautiful little city of Greenville, Ohio, with the one desire to organize and build a Church of God in this city of about ten thousand people.

We were unable to rent a building for services, and have been forced to conduct services in homes. However, the Lord has blessed our efforts in a wonderful manner, and now we have a regular church organized. We have Sunday School each Sunday, Young People's service and Prayer Meeting each week, and evangelistic services on Sunday night—all in the home that the church rents for our parsonage.

We have a lovely lot, large enough for a church, parsonage and parking lot, and it was donated to us by a stranger. We feel that God would have us here working for Him and His church.

We now have a weekly visitation group organized, and we feel that a great deal of good will come from this during this summer's activities.

We are building a "Sugar Block Church." Adults have to pay \$1.00 and children pay .50c per block; then the blocks are glued into place in the church. When the Sugar Block Church is finished we will have about \$1,000.00 in our building fund. We will then begin the construction of the real church building.

Pray for us.

—E. E. Coleman, pastor

I read an article recently about a metal called permalloy. It is a highly magnetic substance, but it acts in a strange way. When pointed in certain directions, it has no magnetic power. But when it is placed in direct line with the magnetic pull of the earth, its power is very strong. The same is true in our own lives. When we are out of line with the magnetic pull of Almighty God, we have no strength and we lose our grip. Then we become frustrated and feel discouraged. But when our lives are lined up in right relationship with God, we have the ability to reach out and to conquer life.—Charles L. Allen in *All Things Are Possible Through Prayer* (Fleming H. Revell Company).



testimonies

A Note of Praise for God's Goodness

IRON MOUNTAIN, Michigan—I wish to sound a note of praise to the Lord for His goodness to us down through the many years. The article by Brother Cross on the subject of "Manifest Destiny" and the article by Brother Hughes on "Sunday School Frontiers" seem to have hit a note in my soul. It seems so much like the pioneer work that I did so many years ago. Sometimes I wouldn't care if I could call back some twenty or thirty years and be back in that great work but, of course, it is not possible for us to do that. We will have to take it as it comes and work while it is day.

The Lord surely has been good to us. We have worked in new fields and established churches in new places. It seemed the harder the place, the more grace the Lord would furnish. I remember one time about thirty years ago while in West Virginia, I went to a new place across the mountain to establish a church. There was no road but there was a coal mine that was driven all the way through the mountain. The coal seam was high so I would drive my car up to the mine and take my light and walk through the mountain. Other people living on the other side of the mountain used the walkway; but when the superintendent discovered that we were using it, he had a lock put on the big gate at the mine. Therefore, when we went there to church afterwards we had to walk the three miles over the mountain. I don't think we missed one service because of that hardship. God was in the endeavor; and because we were faithful, we were able to get members and establish churches in that community. I am sure that the future alone will be able to tell the good we were able to do in those days.

Another time, we were able to take a new work in Virginia as district overseer; and by going into

new places with the gospel and opening up new works, we were able, directly and indirectly, to organize eight new churches. Most of those churches are still going good today.

We are disabled to work like we have in the past, but we covet your prayers and would be very glad to have a letter from any of our old friends, brothers and sisters, who have known us and have worked with us in the past. If I shouldn't be able to meet you any more here on earth, I will be looking for you in heaven.

—A. J. Cox

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Prayer of Faith Saves the Sick

COLUMBUS, Ga.—I praise God for His healing power. In 1952 a small mole came on each side of my face, just below my temples. I kept the one on the left side scratched off, but every time it came back until it made a large sore nearly the size of a nickle and began running bloody water, then yellow pus. I knew what that meant. I had it prayed for several times. It would get better, then worse. It got so bad I couldn't lay on my left side. Then one day last October the Lord spoke to me and said: "If you will get Brother L. G. Rouse to pray for you, I will heal you." I wrote to Brother Rouse; and by the time he received my letter, the sore was well and smoothed over. A little pink scar was all that was left. My heart had been skipping beats very badly at times, when it wasn't running away at the rate of two-hundred seventy beats a minute for ten and twelve hours at the time. I couldn't lie down, sleep or talk. Since Brother Rouse prayed for me, it is so much better. I can go to sleep early and rest all night most of the time. My faith in God has healed my face and body through Brother Rouse's prayers. I'm praising God for it today, and to Him be glory and honor.

—Mary L. Ming

Delivered of Nausea and Tiredness

BALDWIN PARK, Calif.—I want to testify of God's healing me one day after reading the *Evangel*. We are expecting a baby in July, and I had been terribly tired and nauseated for several weeks last December. While lying down reading the *Evangel* testimonies one day, I came across one where a woman had a serious stomach disorder and had placed the *Evangel*, and *Abundant Life* magazine on the troubled area and God healed her. I thought about it that afternoon and decided God could deliver me of my trouble, too. I got the two magazines and prayed to the Lord for complete deliverance of my body. That evening I became deathly ill for over an hour and then I had complete deliverance of the nauseated feelings and my tiredness. Neither have returned, and I know God is to be praised.

I also want to testify of my seven-year-old daughter's healing a few weeks ago. For several days she had a high fever from 103 degrees to 105 degrees and we just could not seem to determine the cause. My husband and I agreed that we would trust God completely and not give any medication, except prayer. It seemed we were going to be defeated by the enemy, for it was hard not to use man's remedies to do God's work, but on the third day, Sunday, when her fever reached its highest point, we had another couple pray at our child's bedside with us, and in about an hour, her fever began dropping and complete deliverance came. I do thank God that He has been so good to us in all things.

—Mrs. R. R. Pitts

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Nothing's Impossible With God

HIKSON, Tenn.—I feel led to send my testimony to the Church of God *Evangel* of which we have been a subscriber for about forty years. The many good messages and testimonies it carries have been a great blessing to me. About forty-two years ago, the Lord baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost and fire. Glory to God, it is still burning in my soul. He also healed my body of different diseases at the same time. Since then, He has been my only vision. Praise God, I'm glad healing is in the atonement. Our God is great; He can heal all manner of diseases. There is nothing impossible with God. Many people die that could live if only they could have faith in God. Saints, let us seek God for more faith and power with Him. The Lord is soon coming for His church. Let us be ready.

—Mrs. Viola Dobbs

Healed by Power of God

PONCHATOULA, La.—About two weeks after I got married, I went to visit my mother. Soon after I got there, I had a chill. This was the first part of October.

Mother insisted that I go to bed; I had a high fever. I was ill for about a month or more. During this time, I got to the place where I could not make a step by myself. I had to hold on to something or have someone hold me up so I could walk. One Sunday morning I had a fever of 105 degrees and 106 degrees. The church prayed for me, and I felt much better. Later on, I got worse again.

My husband and his family persuaded me to go to a doctor just to see what was wrong with me. I had made up my mind to trust God wholly for my healing, but I went. The doctor told me he could do nothing for me, that I would have to go to the hospital. I did not want to, but I went anyway.

The doctors there took tests and told me I either had cancer or leukemia. They didn't know exactly what was wrong with me, but the Lord did. Praise His name! I stayed only one night and day in the hospital. I told the doctors if I could go home that night and get the church to pray for me, I would be healed. With my husband's consent, I went home with mother. I was prayed for and began to get better.

I don't know what was wrong with me; but thank God, our Lord knew and He healed me. Praise the Lord! I know the Lord healed me because the doctors didn't do a thing but take blood tests and X rays and other tests, and I didn't take any medicine.

The Lord is so wonderful. I can never praise Him enough for what He did for me. Before I got sick, I weighed about 96 pounds, lost 25 pounds while sick, and now, I weigh 105½ pounds. Our Lord certainly is good to us. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

—Julia Faye Crawford Lanigne

Deaf Ears Unstopped

ELK PARK, N. C.—I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I gradually lost my hearing, finally becoming completely deaf. I went to several doctors, but they could not help me. I knew, however, that the Lord could heal me. I fasted and prayed for thirty-six hours, and the Lord wonderfully blessed me and said He would heal me. Now I can hear almost as good as ever.

We surely desire the prayers of all who read this. My husband and I belong to the Church of God.

—Mrs. Clifford Gervatt

Healed of Incurable Spinal Disease

PERU, Ind.—I promised the Lord some time ago that if He would heal my little boy I would send my testimony to the *Evangel*. Our baby boy has had nothing but sickness. He awoke one Sunday morning and could not walk or stand on his feet. We took him to church and our pastor and the whole church prayed for him. He didn't get healed right then; but by that night, he was walking again. Three weeks later, he became sick again with a high fever. We called our pastor to come and pray for him. He came and prayed, and the Lord touched his body. We were able to take him to church that night.

I also want to thank God for healing my body of an incurable spinal disease that occurred when our last baby was born. I went to doctors, took all kinds of shots and medicine, but grew worse. We went to Brother William Branham in Phoenix, Arizona, and he prayed for me. I felt the divine power of God go all through my body. No one had to tell me that I was healed; I knew it. Thank God for His healing power.

Healed of Flu

ATLANTA, Ga.—Praise God for healing my body! I had the flu about four weeks ago and got better for two days, but I coughed so much that I began to get worse. I had a fever for several days and pain in the right side of my chest when I breathed. I coughed nearly all the time and couldn't eat much. My sister requested prayer for me at church and I began to get better. I know God healed me, praise His wonderful name. The fever left after two or three days and the coughing stopped. I promised God that if He healed me I would send my testimony in to the *Evangel*. Pray for me that God will heal me so that I can eat as I did. I had a nervous stomach and had to go on a diet. I want to gain my weight and strength back.

Pray that God will draw me closer to Him and that my husband and seven children will be saved.

—A sister in Christ

Healed of Nervous Condition

I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. A short time ago I suffered a nervous condition. It seemed it would take a miracle from God to heal me, so I kept pleading with God, and the church kept praying for me. Praise His holy name; He heard our prayers. I love Him today more than anything else in the world. Dear

friends, if you are in need of something from God, just keep asking in faith and He will surely answer prayer. I am so glad I am serving a God that can do all things for us. I thank Him for every prayer that was sent up for me. Pray that I will live a life of prayer that I might touch God for someone else who is in need, and please pray for my lost loved ones that they will be saved.

—Mrs. Gladys Storey

God Will Supply Every Need

VIDALIA, Ga.—I want to sound a note of praise for the Lord because I know He still hears and answers prayer and supplies our every need. A few weeks ago I was having great financial difficulties. I had been going to school; and as a verteran, I was supposed to have been paid. I had enrolled in September of 1958, and for five months; I had not received a check or approval slip. I had been praying about this matter for quite a while; and while I was praying one Sunday night, about the first of March, I said "Lord, if you will help me in getting my bill paid, I will send in a testimony to the *Evangel*." Bless the name of the Lord, on the eleventh day of March, I received my first check. One week later I received another, and I have been paid in full for all the back time. I thought perhaps this might help some of our *Evangel* readers to realize that if we will wait upon God, He will always come to our rescue and supply our every need.

—Wm. E. Joyner

Healed Many Times

PITTS, Ga.—For some time now I have felt impressed to write a note of praise in behalf of my Saviour who loved us enough to die in our stead. I delight in serving Him and want to be a blessing as I go this way. He has healed our bodies many times (healed me of a toxic goiter) of which we are indeed grateful. I still have a nervous condition and would like for all the saints of God to earnestly pray for my deliverance. I want to be a faithful Christian more than anything else in this world so that at the end of life's journey I might hear our dear Saviour's voice say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant, enter ye into the joys of the Lord." I want my life to be filled with more of the precious love of God that others might take notice that I've been with Jesus so that they too would become hungry to know Him.

Pray for our lost loved ones.

—Mrs. Wendell Gregory

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